

ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR CHARLIE MILLER

All-Area First Team



Tim Debish



Shelvick Henry



Sherrod Huntley



Jamario Lambert



Frank Martin



Jermohn Queen



Justin Simmons



Alex Thompson

TIM DEBISH
Treasure Coast senior, guard
Stats: 13.9 points per game, made 55 of 142 of 3-pointers (38.7 percent), 3.7 rebounds per game

SHELVICK HENRY
Sebastian River junior, guard
Stats: 21.9 points per game, 6.0 rebounds per game, 3.4 assists per game, 1.9 steals per game

SHERROD HUNTLEY
Jensen Beach senior, guard
Stats: 14.8 points per game, 4.0 assists per game, 2.8 steals per game

JAMARIO LAMBERT
Vero Beach junior, guard
Stats: 14.3 points per game, 5.0 rebounds per game, 2.5 assists per game

FRANK MARTIN
Port St. Lucie senior, guard
Stats: 12.3 points per game, 2.3 assists per game, 2.5 rebounds per game, 1.8 steals per game

JERMOHN QUEEN
Martin County junior, guard
Stats: 15.0 points per game, 4.9 assists per game, 3.0 steals per game

JUSTIN SIMMONS
Martin County senior, forward
Stats: 15.0 points per game, 11.3 rebounds per game, 2.7 steals per game, 1.7 bpg

ALEX THOMPSON
Jensen Beach junior, forward
Stats: 24.4 points per game, 10.1 rebounds per game, 1.5 bpg, scored 30 points in six games

The Team

The 2012 Girls Basketball All-Area team was compiled by Aimee Ford Foster.



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Charlie Miller of Vero Beach High School is the 2012 Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

The natural

■ Charlie Miller of Vero Beach is a gifted athlete who helped lead the Indians to the Final Four

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VEROBEACH— Charlie Miller is going to the next level in football, but basketball always will be his first love. That was evident in the way the Vero Beach senior point guard played in each and every game this basketball season.

Miller did it all for the Fighting Indians, whether it was just by hustling back to make a play on defense, drawing in a double team and finding a seam for a beautiful pass or by splitting a pair of defenders for a crowd-pleasing dunk good enough to clear the opposing team's stands.

His all-around ability and drive to succeed helped Vero Beach to a Final Four this year, and Miller is the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers All-Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

“With his speed and quickness, it brings excitement to the game,” Vero Beach coach Chuck Loewendick said. “I think also people just appreciated his effort. He’s not only a true athlete, he plays hard, and I think that’s fun to watch when you’ve got someone as athletic as that really out there working hard all the time.”

Though Miller still led the team with 14.6 points, he sacrificed some scoring this year — down from 20.0 points per game last year — to help his teammates get more involved in the offense. He worked on other parts of his game and finished with 5.2 assists and 3.5 steals.

Loewendick said Miller made the rest of the team better, and that had a lot to do with why the Indians made it to state.

“I was more focused on getting everyone involved,” Miller said. “Last year, I had to score more points, and

Player of the Year

Charlie Miller

Vero Beach senior, point guard

Stats: Averaged 14.6 points per game, 3.5 rebounds per game and 4.3 assists per game; led the Fighting Indians to the Final Four with 17.6 points per game average during the regional tournament

Coach Chuck Loewendick: “He sacrificed some scoring this year to get more from his teammates, but no one does more for their team at both ends of the floor as he does. Players like Charlie don’t come along very often: the combination of great athlete, great student and great person.”

they counted on me for that all the time. This year, I felt like I needed to get more players involved in the scoring because it was such a different team than last year. Other players stepped up, and I was able to focus on other parts of my game.”

Miller’s production increased in the postseason, when it mattered most, as he scored 17.6 points per game during the regional tournament. He also was the guiding force in times of adversity.

“Anytime something didn’t go right, he had the ability to correct things and turn it around,” Loewendick said. “That had a lot to do with his athleticism but also his experience as a four-year varsity player.”

Miller’s athleticism was shown by his ability to pick up a new sport and become a Division I recruit. After just one season playing high school football, he earned All-State recognition and a scholarship to play wide receiver at Northern Illinois.

Miller said he hasn’t considered trying to play basketball there too, but he will always be looking for a good pick-up game to play.

“I just went out for football because it was my senior year and I just thought it would be fun,” Miller said. “I’m focused on football now, but I’ve always loved basketball.”

Coach of the Year



Chuck Loewendick
Vero Beach, 24th year
This season: Guided the Fighting Indians to their fourth Final Four since 1999 and a

22-6 finish despite being out-sized most of the year, and losing their biggest player to early graduation. Aside from the state semifinal loss, the Indians dropped just one game during the 2012 portion of the season. Loewendick is 511-196 during his tenure at Vero Beach.
Quotable: “It was rewarding for me this season because this group of guys really bought into our philosophy, and after two or three years of hard work, to see it pay off for them, it was really gratifying. I think people looked at our size and thought we looked like a JV team most of the time, but the fact we were able to get to a Final Four with a different type of team was pretty special.”

Honorable Mention

JEAN ALEXIS
Jensen Beach sophomore, forward

JOHN DIRR
Pine School senior, guard/forward

RAQUAN DOBSON
Fort Pierce Central senior, forward

PARKER DRESSLER
St. Edward's junior, forward

DARRELL FLOWERS
St. Edward's junior, point guard

TRAEVIS GRAHAM
Martin County sophomore, center

ALEC GROTON
Morningside senior, guard/forward

DeANDRE JONES
Slw Centennial senior, point guard

JEROME JONES
Community Christian, senior guard

GARRETT KENT
Treasure Coast junior, forward

JOSH KNIGHT
Fort Pierce Central junior, guard

NICK MARDER
Martin County sophomore, guard

CEDRIC MAYES
Vero Beach senior, forward

JUSTIN NICHOLS
Treasure Coast junior, guard

CORNELIUS PETERSON
Fort Pierce Central senior, guard

BYRON PRESSLEY
South Fork senior, guard

ALEX ROBERTS
Community Christian junior, forward

DEION ROUNDTREE
Sebastian River senior, forward

DOMENICO SANTIAGO
Port St. Lucie sophomore, forward

PAUL ST. MARY
Vero Beach senior, forward

DAVID TORRES
John Carroll senior, guard

JON WILLIAMS
Port St. Lucie senior, forward

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Chuck Loewendick, Vero Beach coach on Charlie Miller

All-Area Schedule

THURSDAY
Girls soccer

FRIDAY
Boys soccer

SATURDAY
Wrestling

SUNDAY
Girls basketball

MONDAY
Boys basketball

WEDNESDAY
Girls weightlifting